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Election, in accordance with articles 7 and 9 of the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, of 13 members of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture to replace those whose terms are due to expire on 31 December 2018

Election of 13 members of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment

Note by the Secretary-General

1. In accordance with articles 7 and 9 of the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, the seventh meeting of the States parties to the Optional Protocol will be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva on 25 October 2018, for the purpose of electing 13 members of the Subcommittee on Prevention from a list of persons nominated by States parties (section II), to replace those whose terms of office will expire on 31 December 2018 (section I). Twelve members will continue to serve on the Subcommittee until 31 December 2020 (section III).

2. In addition, in compliance with paragraph 12 of General Assembly resolution 68/268, the current situation with respect to the composition of the Subcommittee, reflecting the balance in terms of geographical distribution, gender representation and different legal systems, as well as the tenure of current members, is contained in sections I and III of the present document; the biographical data, including in respect of professional background, of current members can be found on the web page of the Subcommittee (www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/OPCAT/Pages/Membership.aspx).

3. In paragraph 13 of its resolution 68/268, the General Assembly encouraged States parties, in the election of treaty body experts, to give due consideration, as stipulated in the relevant human rights instruments, to equitable geographical distribution, the representation of the different forms of civilization and the principal legal systems, balanced gender representation and the participation of experts with disabilities in the membership of the human rights treaty bodies.

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I. Members of the Subcommittee whose terms expire on 31 December 2018

4. The professional backgrounds, legal systems and further biographical data of the members may be found on the web page of the Subcommittee, under "Membership", by clicking on the name of the individual members (see www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/OPCAT/Pages/Membership.aspx).

Member	*Country of nationality*	*Member since*
Ms. Mari **Amos**	Estonia	1 January 2011
Mr. Arman **Danielyan**	Armenia	1 January 2011
Ms. Marija **Definis-Gojanović**	Croatia	1 January 2015[a]
Mr. Roberto Michel **Fehér Pérez**	Uruguay	1 January 2015
Mr. Emilio **Ginés Santidrián**	Spain	13 July 2009
Ms. Lorena **González Pinto**	Guatemala	1 January 2015
Mr. Gnambi Garba **Kodjo**	Togo	1 January 2015
Ms. Aisha Shujune **Muhammad**	Maldives	1 January 2011
Ms. Radhia **Nasraoui**	Tunisia	1 January 2015
Ms. Catherine **Paulet**	France	27 January 2014
Ms. Aneta **Stanchevsk**[a]	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	1 January 2011
Ms. Nora **Sveaass**	Norway	1 January 2015
Mr. Felipe **Villavicencio Terreros**	Peru	1 January 2011

[a] Previously a member, from 2006 to 2012.

II. Persons nominated by States parties

5. In accordance with the procedure set out in article 6 (3) of the Optional Protocol, the Secretary-General, in a note verbale dated 14 May 2018, invited the States parties to submit their nominations for the election of 13 members of the Subcommittee by 14 August 2018. All the curricula vitae received by that deadline, as provided by the States parties concerned, are included in the present document (see annex). Addenda to the present note will be issued for nominations received after the deadline.

6. Pursuant to article 6 (3) of the Optional Protocol, listed below, in alphabetical order, are the names of the persons nominated for election to the Subcommittee, and the States parties that nominated them.

Candidate	*Nominated by*
Ms. Olga Patricia **Arias Barriga**	Chile
Mr. Yurii **Bielousov**	Ukraine
Ms. Carmen **Comas-Mata Mira**	Spain
Ms. Marija **Definis-Gojanović**	Croatia
Mr. Roberto Michel **Fehér Pérez**	Uruguay
Ms. Suzanne **Jabbour**	Lebanon

Candidate	*Nominated by*
Mr. Venant **Kamana**	Burundi
Mr. Abdoulaye **Kanni**	Niger
Mr. Gnambi Garba **Kodjo**	Togo
Mr. Nika **Kvaratskhelia**	Georgia
Mr. Zbigniew **Lasocik**	Poland
Ms. Saule **Mektepbayeva**	Kazakhstan
Ms. Catherine **Paulet**	France
Ms. María Luisa **Romero**	Panama
Ms. Nora **Sveaass**	Norway
Mr. Juan Pablo **Vegas**	Peru
Ms. Sophia **Vidali**	Greece

III. Members who will continue to serve on the Subcommittee until 31 December 2020

7. The professional backgrounds, legal systems and further biographical data of the members may be found on the web page of the Subcommittee entitled "Membership", by clicking on the name of the individual members: www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/OPCAT/Pages/Membership.aspx.

Member	*Country of nationality*	*Member since*
Mr. Satyabhoosun Gupt **Domah**	Mauritius	1 January 2017
Sir Malcolm **Evans**	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	24 August 2009
Mr. Daniel **Fink**	Switzerland	25 April 2018
Ms. María Dolores **Gómez**	Argentina	1 January 2017
Ms. June Caridad Pagaduan **Lopez**	Philippines	1 January 2013
Mr. Petros **Michaelides**	Cyprus	1 January 2017[a]
Mr. Kosta Dragan **Mitrovic**	Serbia	1 January 2017
Ms. Margarete **Osterfeld**	Germany	6 January 2014
Mr. Abdallah **Ounnir**	Morocco	1 January 2017
Ms. Zdenka **Perović**	Montenegro	1 January 2017
Mr. Haimoud **Ramdan**	Mauritania	1 January 2017
Mr. Victor **Zaharia**	Republic of Moldova	1 January 2013

[a] Previously a member, from 2010 to 2014.

Annex

Curricula vitae of candidates*

Olga Patricia Arias Barriga (Chile)

[Original: Spanish]

Place and date of birth

Temuco, Chile. 26 August 1958

Working languages

Spanish, English and French

Professional background

2011–2018: Member of working groups of the Human Rights Council.

2013–present: Professor in international postgraduate programmes in human rights, Fundación Henry Dunant, and at the Chilean National Academy of Political and Strategic Studies.

2010–2018: Researcher at the Centro de Estudios del Desarrollo and at the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung Observatory on Organized Crime in Latin America and the Caribbean, Colombia.

2006–2010: Senior researcher, Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences (FLACSO-Chile).

1999–2000: Consultant, Office of the Undersecretary of the Interior, Chile.

1994–1998: Researcher, Research Department, Police Division, Public Safety Directorate of the Ministry of the Interior, Chile.

Educational background

First-level degree, criminology, Catholic University of Leuven

Licenciatura (first-level degree), legal and social sciences, University of Chile

Master's degree, criminology, Catholic University of Leuven

Current position/function

2011–2018: Member of the Working Group on the use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination, Human Rights Council.

Other main activities relevant to the mandate of the Subcommittee

Head researcher or author of the following studies:

- Estudio sobre inmigrantes criminalizados. Región Metropolitana. Centro de Estudios del Desarrollo — Ministry of the Interior, 2016.
- Estudio sobre inmigración en Chile. Propuestas para una política pública (Región Metropolitana). Centro de Estudios del Desarrollo — Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, 2016.
- Estudio sobre coordinación entre fuerzas policiales y fuerzas armadas para ejecutar misiones de no guerra: impacto en derechos humanos, marco legal y desafíos para la democracia. Office of the Undersecretary of Defence (Chile), 2012.

* Curricula vitae are issued without formal editing.

- Reporte del sector seguridad en América Latina y el Caribe. FLACSO-Chile, 2006–2007.
- Monitoreo de la reforma procesal penal en el sistema penitenciario. Ministry of Justice, Criminal Justice Investigation Unit, Chilean Prison Service, 2001–2005.

Most recent publications in the field

- *Reformas policiales en América Latina: principios y lineamientos progresistas.*
- La seguridad privada en Chile, los dilemas de una regulación deficitaria (book chapter).
- La construcción de una sociedad temerosa. Crimen y castigo en Chile (book chapter) (co-author).
- El desafío de la delincuencia en América Latina: diagnóstico y respuestas de política (book chapter) (co-author).

Yurii Bielousov (Ukraine)

Date and place of birth

31 December 1976

Working languages

English, Russian, Ukrainian

Professional background

Have more than 15 years of experience in monitoring human rights (HR) observance by law-enforcement agencies. In 2004 participated in introducing in Ukraine a prototype of NPM which were mobile groups on monitoring HR observance within police.

Since 2008 until 2010 have worked as the Deputy Head of the HR Monitoring Department of the Ministry of Interior. During this period the Department together with NGOs have conducted more than 1000 monitoring visits to police stations all-across the Ukraine.

Since 2012 till 2016 have worked as the Head of NPM Department at the Ukrainian Ombudsman office, establishing the NPM from the very beginning (hiring and training the staff, developing public network of monitors, establishing cooperation with other state institutions, etc.). For this period, the Department has conducted more than 1,100 visits to places of detention, published 3 Annual reports and 3 Special reports of the NPM.

Current position/function

Executive Director of the NGO "Expert Center for Human Rights", www.ecpl.com.ua

Educational background

Master degrees in Sociology and Law (1999, 2000), PHD in Sociology (2003);

Trainings in a sphere of HR and law-enforcement: Investigating cases of torture: best practices (CoE, 2010); 2nd Jean-Jacques Gautier NPM Symposium on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Intersex (LGBTI) deprived of liberty (APT, 2015); Workshop for NPMs "Implementing a preventive mandate" (APT, IOI, 2015), etc.

Main professional activities

Have a good research and training background. Regularly support Ukrainian NPM by conducting trainings for public monitors, drafting manuals and improving monitoring tools as well as carry out studies on actual problems related to HR in criminal justice sector, including ill-treatment practices (see publications below). Participate in working groups on reformations within the National Police, Prosecutor General's Office, Ministries of Justice and Health.

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture

Permanently provide training for NPM colleagues from other countries. On request of the Council of Europe in 2016–2017 had conducted trainings for NPMs of Moldova and Kazakhstan. Currently coordinate the research group studying the practices of documenting and investigating of ill-treatment within police, prison system, psychiatric and social care institutions (for further implementation of the Istanbul protocol in Ukraine).

List of the most recent publications in the field relevant to the mandate of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture

Study report "Ill-treatment in the activities of the national police of Ukraine: types, scale, reasons", 2017 (https://rm.coe.int/analytical-report-ill-treatment-in-the-activities-of-the-national-poli/16808b2928);

Study report "Prison through the eyes of prisoners", 2017 (http://ecpl.com.ua/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/PRISON-THROUGH-THE-EYES-OF-PRISONERS.pdf);

Study report "The role of the public prosecutor at the pre-trial stage of criminal proceedings", 2017 (http://ecpl.com.ua/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/prokuror_engl.pdf).

Carmen Comas-Mata Mira (Spain)

[Original: Spanish]

Place and date of birth

Madrid, 29 April 1971

Working languages

Spanish (native language), English and French. Passive knowledge of Italian and Portuguese.

Professional background

Currently director of international relations for the Ombudsman of Spain.

Formerly director of the cabinet of the first deputy and later that of the Ombudsman. Responsible for coordinating work with representatives of areas such as defence and internal affairs, justice and domestic violence, immigration and the economy and finance.

Participated in the preparation of reports for the accreditation and re-accreditation of the Ombudsman as a national human rights institution with A status (Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions). Coordinated and took active part in the preparation of the Ombudsman's reports, such as one titled "Situación de los presos españoles en el extranjero" (Situation of Spanish prisoners abroad), and the annual reports of the national mechanism for the prevention of torture.

Served as head of the national mechanism for the prevention of torture; under my leadership, the mechanism began operating, staff members received training and more than 400 visits to places of detention were carried out.

Appointed by the Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation as an expert to help bring about the ratification by Peru of the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment. Also participated, as a representative of the institution, in a variety of projects of the Council of Europe on strengthening national human rights institutions and European national preventive mechanisms.

Regarding work in the field, visited places of deprivation of liberty in Spain and Spanish prisoners abroad and, as a result, had the opportunity to observe prison conditions in Latin America, Europe and a few countries in Asia and Africa.

Educational background

Licenciada (title obtained on completion of second-level university studies) in law from the Autonomous University of Madrid (1989–1994)

Master (postgraduate degree) in European law from the Autonomous University of Madrid (1996–1997)

Specialized course on the prevention of torture (2006) at the University of Oxford, organized by the Association for the Prevention of Torture

Other relevant courses

Specialized course on supervising operations to return migrants in irregular situations (International Conference on Population and Development-European Union-European Border and Coast Guard Agency (FRONTEX)). Lisbon, 2017

Course on observing elections (Diplomatic School of Spain, 2009)

Current position/function

Director of International relations, Office of the Ombudsman.

Technical secretary of the Ibero-American Ombudsman Federation, a forum for cooperation and the application of policies for the promotion and dissemination of human

rights; the Federation brings together more than 100 Ombudsman's Offices, some of which are national preventive mechanisms.

Main professional activities

Responsible for the preparation of international cooperation projects. Led four European Union Twinning projects to strengthen the Offices of the Ombudsman of Kazakhstan, Armenia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (where I helped set up the national preventive mechanism) and Turkey. Participated in more than 20 European Union Technical Assistance and Information Exchange Programmes to provide training to other Ombudsmen and the staff members of national preventive mechanisms and national human rights institutions.

Implement the Ombudsman's international policies through the relations of the Ombudsman with international institutions (United Nations, European Union, Council of Europe and the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe), with its counterparts and with networks such as the Association of Ombudsmen of the Mediterranean, an association of which the Ombudsman is first Vice-President.

Other main activities relevant to the mandate of the Subcommittee

I am responsible for monitoring FRONTEX migrant repatriation flights organized by Spain and act as one of the European pool of monitors for FRONTEX return operations conducted by Spain.

I have dealt with the situation of Spanish prisoners abroad since 2001, when I began visiting prisons in other countries to improve the situation of particular vulnerability of imprisoned foreigners.

Most recent publications and talks in the field

La situación de los presos españoles en el extranjero. *Servicios sociales y política social*, vol. XXXII, No. 109 (December 2015), 7–8, pp. 63 ff.

La protección de los derechos humanos por las defensorías del pueblo. In *Cooperación internacional. El trabajo de las defensorías del pueblo en colaboración con otros actores*, Guillermo Escobar, ed. Madrid: Editorial Dykinson, 2011.

Informe sobre los derechos de la mujer. Ibero-American Ombudsman Federation, 2004.

Informe sobre migraciones. Ibero-American Ombudsman Federation, 2003.

Represented the Ombudsman at more than 50 conferences. Many of them concerned the national mechanism for the prevention of torture, including:

Pros y contras de las diversas opciones institucionales entre el uso de un organismo existente o la creación de uno nuevo en el diseño del Mecanismo Nacional de Prevención de la Tortura del OPCAT. La experiencia del Defensor del Pueblo Español. University of Padua (Italy), February 2008.

El Ombudsman como MNP. La aplicación del Protocolo Opcional de la Convención contra la Tortura de las Naciones Unidas. Belgrade, 23–25 March 2009.

Actuación de las INDH como MNPs. Zacatecas (Mexico), July 2016.

Marija Definis-Gojanović (Croatia)

Date and place of birth

7 February 1960, Zagreb, Croatia

Working languages

English; all languages at the territory of former Yugoslavia

Professional background

Marija Definis-Gojanović is a specialist of forensic medicine at University Hospital Center Split, Croatia, and a professor of forensic medicine and medical ethics at University of Split, Croatia, as well as at University of Mostar, Bosnia and Herzegovina. She has an extensive experience in monitoring protection of human rights of people deprived of their liberty being a member of the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture (CPT) (2002–2013), member of the United Nations Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture (SPT) (2007–2012) and member of Croatian National Preventive Mechanism (NPM) (since 2012). She participated in number of regular and ad-hoc visits to places of deprivation of liberty in many countries of Europe, South America, Asia and Africa. In addition, she participated in different events as a member of SPT/CPT/NPM or invited independent expert/consultant/trainer.

Educational background

Zagreb University School of Medicine, Zagreb, Croatia (1978–1984); Postgraduate study in biology-biomedicine, Zagreb University School of Natural Science and Mathematics, Zagreb, Croatia (1984–1986); PhD in forensic medicine, Zagreb University School of Medicine, Croatia (1998); Specialization of forensic medicine, Department of Forensic Medicine and Criminalistics, Zagreb University School of Medicine, Zagreb, Croatia (1989–1993).

Current position function

Head of the Department of Forensic Medicine, University of Split, Croatia, and University of Mostar, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Member of the United Nations Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (SPT)

Permanent court appointed expert and coroner/medical examiner for Split-Dalmatia County

Main professional activities

Lecturer at under- and post-graduate study of forensic medicine and medical humanities at Medical School, Law School and university study "Forensics", University of Split, and at Medical School and Law School, University of Mostar

Active participant in seminars, conferences, workshops, round tables and training on monitoring of places of detention, on prevention of torture, on implementation of OPCAT and establishing NPMs, on prison health care, medical screening and documenting/reporting ill-treatment.

List of most recent publication in the field relevant to the SPT

Co-author of text-book "Text-book on the use of DNA analysis in forensic medical practice", Redak, Split, 2015.

Co-author of book "The basic of forensic toxicology", Redak, Split, 2011.

Co-author of book "Analysis of DNA in Forensic Medicine and Law", Medicinska naklada, Zagreb, 2008.

Roberto Michel Fehér Pérez (Uruguay)

[Original: Spanish]

Place and date of birth

Montevideo, 31 December 1958.

Working languages

Spanish and English

Professional background

2008–2010: Technical director of the first centre of the Ministry of Health in the prison system (in a prison that, with 3,700 inmates, was the largest in Uruguay).

2011–2016: Medical adviser to the Parliamentary Commissioner for the Prison System in Uruguay — 190 visits a year, 4 days a week and 900 interviews with prisoners a year.

Educational background

Doctor of medicine

Specialist in intensive care

Specialist in family and community medicine

Current position/function

1991–2018: Specialist in emergency medicine, attending to persons involved in traffic accidents and serious incidents in homes and public places.

2011–2018: Family doctor making house calls for private insurers.

2015–2018: Member of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment. Visits conducted to Guatemala, Chile, Panama, Portugal and Spain.

Main professional activities

1986–2011: Emergency family doctor

1988–1993: Doctor in a private medical facility (Asociación Española)

1989: Implemented Family Medicine Programme in Uruguay

1991–2011: Family doctor, Las Acacias preschool

1994–2012: Polyclinic emergency technical director

1995–1996: Doctor for public ambulance service

Other main activities relevant to the mandate of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture

2011: Participated in a seminar/workshop on HIV/AIDS in the prison system organized by the Intergovernmental Commission on HIV/AIDS of the Southern Common Market (MERCOSUR); first course on comprehensive health care in prison facilities (Switzerland, Ministry of Health (Uruguay), United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, and Spain).

2013: Modules I, II and III of the basic course on the medical and legal facets of the doctor-patient relationship when the patient is deprived of liberty; presentation on the legal situation of patients with HIV/AIDS in the Uruguayan prison system; International Conference on Torture and Other Inhuman or Degrading Treatment (Argentina); first conference on the prevention of torture in the Southern Cone (Argentina); Medical adviser Multiple-Casualty Contingency Plan of the Uruguayan Prison System; training course on health action protocols (Argentina); presentation on the role of medical doctors in prisons and preventive mechanisms (Health Commission of the Centre for Sentence Enforcement

Studies at the Faculty of Law, Argentina); round table on the prevention of torture (Faculty of Law, Argentina).

2015: Moderated the working group on medical matters, Panama Forum (Association for the Prevention of Torture); participated in an event (Association for the Prevention of Torture) in preparation for the Subcommittee's visit to Chile.

Suzanne Jabbour (Lebanon)

Date and place of birth

01/02/1960 in Ardé, Zghorta, North Lebanon

Working languages

Arabic, English and French

Professional background

President of the International Rehabilitation Council for Torture Victims (IRCT) Copenhagen, Denmark from 2012–2016

Member and Vice president of the United Nations Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (SPT) from 2010 till 2016

Manager of projects of different areas of focus including the Rehabilitation for Torture and trauma Survivors, psychosocial intervention for prisoners and capacity building for law enforcement personnel

Key expert in the MENA region in lobbying and training on the UNCAT, OPCAT, the Istanbul Protocol and the Mandela rules as well as the Bangkok rules.

Clinical psychologist in direct contact with torture survivors, refugees and prisoners.

Current position/function

Chief Executive Officer of Restart center for rehabilitation of victims of violence and Torture — Lebanon. Restart is a prominent local Non-Governmental Organization working on torture prevention and accountability, monitoring places of detention and the provision of rehabilitation and redress for torture and trauma survivors.

Educational background

1985–1987: Master's degree in Psychology

1981–1985: Clinical psychology

Lebanese University Faculty of Letters and human sciences Beirut — Lebanon

Main professional activities

Designed a strategic program aiming at restructuring the forensic unit at the Lebanese Ministry of Justice

Developed the code of conduct for the forensic doctors associated with the Lebanese Ministry of Justice

Incorporated an innovative "Prison Management" training program for the Lebanese internal security forces

Drafting expert of Medical Unified Protocol for medical centers in Lebanese prisons

Created an innovative torture preventive mechanism at the police custody context in 2015. The pioneer pilot creation consists of an Independent Forensic and Psychological Examination Unit in Tripoli Justice Palace, which guarantees the right of a comprehensive medical screening to each person under investigation.

Consulting expert in the drafting and final version of the Bill on Criminalization of Torture adopted in 2017 and the law creating the National Human Rights Institution NHRI and National Preventive Mechanism in Lebanon adopted in 2016.

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture

Expert appointed by UNDP to provide awareness sessions on the Lebanese law creating Lebanon's NHRI, which includes the NPM to ISF members including Company

commanders, ISF regional leaders, Judicial detachment commanders and officers, Information branch and prison company commanders in the respective governorates in Lebanon.

Trainer of tailored programs on Prisons Management, Human Rights Instruments and conventions related to persons deprived of their liberty provided to the Lebanese Internal and General Security Forces and Lebanese army.

Trainer on the Istanbul Protocol, Code of Ethics and Dual loyalty for forensic doctors, affiliated to the Lebanese Ministry of Justice.

Trainer on thematic focused programs for the Judicial Police in Lebanon on how to investigate with women and children in conflict with the law.

List of most recent publications in the field relevant to the mandate of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture

"*Analytical and legal study on the role of the Lebanese ISF anti-torture committee*", Community Security and access to Justice, UNDP, 2018

Green paper on "*the selection process for the appointment of the members of the NHRI and NPM in full compliance with the Paris principle*", Restart center, 2018

Step in the right direction: the establishment of the Lebanese National Human Rights Institution and the National Preventive Mechanism, Legal Agenda, January 2017

Venant Kamana (Burundi)

[Original: French]

Date and place of birth

8 October 1953 in Ntunda, Bweru Commune, Ruyigi Province

Working languages

French

Professional background

2015–present: Inspector of justice

2012–2015: General secretary of the Agency for Regulation and Supervision of Insurance Companies

2009–2012: Principal adviser to the President of the Republic on legal matters

2007–2009: Minister of the Interior

2006–2007: Minister of Good Governance

2005–2006: Deputy in the constituency of Ruyigi

1995–2005: Adviser at the Supreme Court

1993–1995: Principal adviser to the President of the Republic

1992–1993: Member of the Constitutional Court

1988–1992: Chief justice of the Supreme Court

1987–1988: Governor of Ruyigi Province

1984–1987: Director general of the Ministry of Justice

1982–1984: President of the Gitega *Tribunal de Grande Instance* (court of major jurisdiction)

1980–1982: Deputy public prosecutor of the Gitega Public Prosecutor's Office

Current position/function

I conduct visits of prisons, prosecution services and sometimes police holding cells in the country's communes. I offer advice to police officers, based on findings of torture, and I inform them that confessions obtained under torture lead only to acquittals. I also inform them that the victim of torture may initiate a criminal case against the police officer concerned.

Main professional activities

My current and past professional activities cover two different areas:

I am first and foremost a judge, but I have also held political positions, as shown by the activities listed above. As practising judge and an inspector of justice, I often dealt with criminal cases in which the prosecution was based on confessions obtained under torture. If these confessions were not corroborated by other evidence, the accused was acquitted. Drawing on these judicial experiences and on the basis of my political position as minister or deputy, I held meetings with police forces to raise their awareness of the evils of torture. In the parliament, I was Chair of the Standing Committee on Justice and Human Rights. In that capacity, I made an impact on the Criminal Code, which now establishes severe penalties for the crime of torture.

Educational background

1975–1979: *Licence* (first-level degree) in law, Faculty of Law, University of Burundi

1997: Traineeship at the Court of Cassation in Brussels and in Paris

2011: Traineeship at the National School of Administration, Paris

Other main activities relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned

Regularly provide guidance to the leaders of civil society organizations working in the field of human rights.

Review the techniques of investigation in discussions with senior officials from the Criminal Investigation Department with a view to preventing torture.

Most recent publications in the field

La légitime défense en tant que fait justificatif d'une infraction.

Guide déontologique pour la police pendant les enquêtes.

Abdoulaye Kanni (Niger)

[Original: French]

Date and place of birth

1 January 1976, Koulbaga, Dargol

Working languages

French

Professional background

Director of new information and communication technologies at the High Council for Communications since January 2015. Labour statistics engineer, analysis and programming branch, since 2001. Head of information technology of the High Council for Communications from 2010 to 2015. Instructor at the Regional Institute for Computer Marketing, Insurance and Management of Niamey. Coordinator, Coalition for the Defence of Human Rights and Democracy. Coordinator of the Coalition of Civil Society Organizations of the Niger for the purposes of the universal periodic review. Member of the platform of domestic and international non-governmental organizations working for the humanization of remand centres in the Niger. Coordinator of the committee responsible for the preparation of the shadow reports of the Coalition for the Defence of Human Rights and Democracy on the implementation of the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

Educational background

October 2001: *Diplôme d'études universitaires appliquées* (first-level degree) in information technology and management, Saâd Dahlab University of Science and Technology, Blida, Algeria

July 1998: *Baccalauréat*, series A4, Kassaï high school, Niamey

2015: Certificate of attendance at the International Human Rights Training Programme organized by Equitas in Montreal, Canada

2015: Certificate of completion of a course on the universal periodic review held in Geneva, Switzerland

Current position/function

Director of new information and communication technologies at the High Council for Communications; coordinator, Coalition for the Defence of Human Rights and Democracy

Main professional activities

As the coordinator of the Coalition for the Defence of Human Rights and Democracy, I receive complaints that are passed on to the complaints unit and coordinate the work of the committee responsible for the preparation and publication of the Coalition's shadow reports.

Other main activities relevant to the mandate of the Subcommittee

Chaired the committee responsible for the preparation of the shadow report of the Coalition for the Defence of Human Rights and Democracy on the implementation of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment.

Coordinated efforts to advocate ratification of the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture in 2014.

Led efforts to encourage the implementation of the Optional Protocol on the establishment of a national mechanism for the prevention of torture.

Coordinated activities carried out as part of the campaign for the ratification of the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty, and the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance.

Coordinated the work of the committee responsible for drafting the report of the Coalition for the Defence of Human Rights and Democracy on the human rights situation in prisons, which was used by the Coalition to urge the Government to humanize the country's prisons.

Contributed to the report of the Niger on its implementation of the Convention against Torture.

Gnambi Garba Kodjo (Togo)

[Original: French]

Date and place of birth

19 November 1964, Kabou (Togo)

Working languages

French

Professional background

Twenty-three years as a magistrate (Togo, Ministry of Justice).

2012–present: Public prosecutor at the Lomé Court of Appeal. Develop criminal justice policy, verify that the law is properly applied within the jurisdiction of the Court of Appeal, read indictments at hearings of the Court of Appeal and manage the work of the prosecutor's office.

2009–2012: Director of the Prison Service and Reintegration. Developed prison administration policy and administered the Prison Service and detention facilities; visited prisons.

2007–2010: Representative of the Minister of Justice to National Justice System Modernization Programme and focal point for work with United Nations agencies. Participated in steering committee meetings of various donors and attended national and international events together with or in place of the Minister of Justice.

2006–2009: Acting Director of the Prison Service, lecturer at the National School of Administration. Developed prison policy, oversaw prison management and taught correctional science courses.

2005–2006: Special adviser to the Minister of Justice. Provided technical advice for judicial and prison reform.

2003–2004: Public prosecutor at the Court of Lomé. Developed criminal policy, prosecuted crimes and offences and oversaw the administration of the prosecutor's office.

2000–2003: Public prosecutor at the Court of Atakpamé. Prosecuted crimes and offences and oversaw the administration of the prosecutor's office.

1998–2000: President of the Court of Sotouboua. Presided over criminal and civil hearings, issued orders and oversaw the administrative management of the Court.

1995–1998: Investigating judge at the Court of Sotouboua. Searched for evidence of offences and links between offences and suspects, pressed charges and saw cases through to completion.

Current position/function

Public prosecutor at the Lomé Court of Appeal

Main professional activities

Develop criminal policy; ensure application of criminal law in the jurisdiction of the Court of Appeal; read indictments at hearings of the Court of Appeal; oversaw the organization of the prosecutor's office.

Educational background

1992–1994: Graduate of the National School of Administration (Judicial Studies)

1987–1991: *Maîtrise ès-sciences juridiques* (four-year degree in law), National University of Benin

Other main activities relevant to the mandate of the Subcommittee

Member of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture since 2014.

Member of the interministerial commission responsible for drafting initial and periodic reports on the implementation of the international conventions and agreements ratified by Togo; consultant on the preparation of the report for the universal periodic review.

Member of the committee responsible for follow-up to recommendations made at the seminar for consideration of the implementation of the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture; chaired the subcommittee responsible for discussing a future national preventive mechanism for Togo; government spokesperson during parliamentary debate on the bill authorizing the ratification of the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and during the debate on the bill to abolish the death penalty; former correctional sciences lecturer at the National School of Administration (Judicial Studies).

Participated (as a presenter) in the international conference of the Association for the Prevention of Torture.

Most recent publications in the field

Les clés pour une visite réussie dans un établissement pénitentiaire (in preparation).

Nika Kvaratskhelia (Georgia)

Date and place of birth

15/12/1982, Sokhumi, Georgia

Working languages

Georgian (native), English, Russian

Professional background

Lawyer

Current position/function

Head of the Department of Prevention and Monitoring at the Office of the Public Defender of Georgia (PDO), responsible for supervising proper discharge of functions of the National Preventive Mechanism (NPM) of Georgia, strategic planning and coordination of the work of the members of the Special Preventive Group, participation as a team leader in preventive visits, supervision over NPM report writing, follow up to the recommendations and representation of the NPM.

Educational background

2007/2008 — LLM in international and European law, Riga Graduate School of Law (OSI scholarship); 2000/2005 — Bachelor Degree in International law, Tbilisi State University; 2004/2005 — training course in international law, Georgian Young Lawyers Association; Among other, training courses in management, torture prevention, recording bodily injuries, forensic photography, mental health, report writing, communication skills, monitoring security sector, discrimination, sexual orientation and gender identity.

Main professional activities

Since December 2013, the Head of the Department of Prevention and Monitoring, PDO; Acting member of the Sounding Board for the NPM toolkit project (Association for the Prevention of Torture (APT)); July–December 2013, Member of the Special Preventive Group; 2010/2013 — CSO "Youth for Justice — Georgia", co-founder, lawyer; July–December 2013, "University Research Co." Legal adviser (USAID Tuberculosis Prevention Project); June–November 2013, Embassy of Sweden in Georgia, adviser on the right to fair trial; 2010/2013 — Translation Bureau of International Treaties of Georgia, translator/proofreader; January–February 2012, "Latvian Centre for Human Rights", researcher on the right to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly; 2010/2013 — Member of the Georgian Bar Association (public, criminal and civil law); 2008/2010 — "Human Rights Priority", lawyer (litigation before ECtHR). Certified trainer.

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture

Panelist, round table — "Legal and Institutional Development of the NPM: Features of International Acts, Foreign Practice and Experience of Uzbekistan"; speaker on the role of human rights education — expert workshop on "the role and contribution of civil society, organizations, academia, national human rights institutions and other relevant stakeholders in the prevention of human rights abuses" (OHCHR); panellist, the role of national oversight mechanisms, seminar on the implementation of effective safeguards to prevent torture during police custody and pretrial detention (OHCHR); speaker on the issue of overcrowding, PRI/CAT workshop; panellist, OPCAT ten years of preventing torture; added value and lessons learnt, 10th anniversary of the OPCAT; Speaker on assessment of treatment and the risk of overmedication, Jean-Jacques Gautier symposium on monitoring psychiatric institutions (APT); Oral intervention, 27th regular session of the Human Rights Council.

List of most recent publications in the field relevant to the mandate of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture

Supervisor and co-author of 5 NPM annual reports; 6 special reports on childcare, eldercare, homes for persons with disabilities, mental health institutions, police custody; 2 thematic researches on the complaints mechanism in the penitentiary system and the impact of detention conditions on the health of prisoners; 17 reports following regular, preventive visits to prisons. The reports are available at: http://www.ombudsman.ge/ge/reports/national-preventive-mechanism-reports

Zbigniew Lasocik (Poland)

Date and place of birth

3 April 1957

Working languages

English, Russian

Professional background

Professor of law and criminology

Current position/function

Professor of criminology at Faculty of Political Sciences and International Studies, Human Trafficking Studies Center, Security Studies Program, Warsaw University, Poland

Educational background

Master of Law, 1982, Warsaw University

Master of Sociology and Criminology, 1983, Warsaw University

Doctor of Law and Criminology, 1991, Warsaw University

Postdoctoral Degree of Law and Criminology, 2004, Warsaw University

Titular Professor of Law and Criminology, 2013, Polish Academy of Science

Main professional activities

Teaching at the university, classes on criminology, prevention of torture, human rights, human trafficking and forced labour

Research on crime, prisons, torture, modern day slavery

Academic administration — 5 years of experience as a Dean of the Law School

Master and Ph.D. supervisions and promotions

Publications on crime, prisons, torture and human trafficking

Over 60 professional missions to CEEC, NIS and other countries

1994–1998 Director Regional of the EU Democracy Program (Brussels/Warsaw)

Member of the Advisory Board of Polish NPM

President of the Board of the Polish Section of the International Commission of Jurists

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture

2003 — International project to prevent torture in closed institution, Helsinki Federation for Human Rights

2004 — EU Rule of Law Mission to Georgia — including monitoring of prisons

2004 — International mission to monitor prisons in Macedonia

2005 — Assistance to Tajik government to prepare first national report for UN Committee Against Torture

2007–2012 — Membership of the UN Subcommittee on the Prevention of Torture

2007–2012 — six country visits as a Member of the UN SPT + number of seminars

2014–2015 — monitoring of two genocide court cases in Rwanda on behalf of the UN/MICT

List of most recent publications in the field relevant to the mandate of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture

Prohibition of torture in military conflicts Warsaw 2011, Academy of National Defence (in Polish). Prevention of torture — new challenges, Warsaw 2012, Marszalek Press (in Polish). On Polish prison system critically, Warsaw 2013, Penitentiary Forum Press (in Polish). Ban of torture — safeguards of freedom from torture in situation of deprivation of liberty, Warsaw 2015 (in Polish); Still on violence, Warsaw 2017, SCHOLAR Press. (in Polish)

Saule Mektepbayeva (Kazakhstan)

Date and place of birth

2 July 1981, Russia

Working languages

Kazakh, Russian, English

Professional background

15-year experience of work in human rights sector and civil service, expert in legal and prison reforms, juvenile justice, gender issues

Educational background

Law Degree — L.N. Gumilyov Eurasian National University; PhD in Constitutional Law at D.A. Kunayev University. PhD dissertation — Limitation of Human Rights in the Constitution of Kazakhstan. Additional training — International Human Rights Training Program by Canadian Human Rights Foundation (Montreal, Canada), International Visitors Program of United States Department of State "Developing Capacity for Human Rights Monitors" (USA), Regional Advanced Program on Human Rights by Raul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law (Lund, Sweden)

Current position/function

Secretary of the National Preventive Mechanism against Torture in Kazakhstan. Project Operational Leader of the EU-funded project: Enhancing Criminal Justice in Kazakhstan (EUCJ) with a 5.5 million euro budget. The duties — expert support and maintaining governmental relations with law enforcement and judiciary agencies of RK (Presidential Administration, General Prosecutor's Office, Prison Committee, Ministry of Interior, Supreme Court, etc.), managing the team of 14 members, financial control and operational oversight of the Project.

Main professional activities

Before becoming EUCJ Project Operational Leader, acted as the project Senior National Expert, providing expert assistance on criminal justice reform: developing expert papers, analysis of strategies and draft legislation. 2015 — Deputy Chief of Party of World Bank project Kazakhstan Justice Sector Institutional Strengthening Project (JSISP), budget $ 60 million — expert support and maintaining governmental relations with justice sector stakeholders. 2009–2015 — Regional Director at Penal Reform International (PRI) Central Asia. Duties: promoting international human rights standards through advocacy campaigns, negotiations, interviews and educational activities, providing analysis of penal reform situation in Central Asia, providing dialogue with high-level officials on criminal justice area in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan. Managed the Expert Department at the Ombudsman Apparatus for 4 years. Headed the criminal justice projects at the Soros Foundation — Kazakhstan, UNDP, World Bank, more than six years was the Regional Director of PRI Central Asia. Conducted monitoring visits to the prisons in the USA, Europe, Central Asia, Middle East and Africa.

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture

Currently, member of the Human Rights Commission under the President of the RK. Since 2014 and until present Secretary of the Coordinative Council of the National Preventive Mechanism (NPM) against Torture. 2012–2013 — Member of the Working Group on National Preventive Mechanism draft law at the Parliament of Kazakhstan. 2001–2003 — Member of the Expert Committee of Human Rights Commission under the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

List of most recent publications in the field relevant to the mandate of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture

Author of the books: *The State of Success: Lessons Learned from Legal Reforms*, 2018, Astana; *Commentary to the Criminal-Executive Code*; author of the chapter on Public Monitoring Boards, 2014, Astana; *Preventing Torture: Creating a National Preventive Mechanism in Kazakhstan*. Guest Editor: Saule Mektepbayeva, Statutes and Decisions. The Laws of the USSR and Its Successor States. Vol. 49 No. 1. January–February 2014.

Catherine Paulet (France)

[Original: French]

Date and place of birth

25 December 1957, Marseille (France)

Working language

French (fluent conversational English)

Professional background

Physician and psychiatrist practising in prisons since 1991.

Expert consultant to the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment since 1999.

Member of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture since January 2014.

Current position

Chief physician at the Psychiatry, Medicine and Treatment of Addiction in Prison — Forensic Medicine Centre of the Marseille Public Hospital System. The Centre has a regional focus and several departments, covering:

Clinical activity, including providing health care to:

- The prison population (men, women and minors) (in areas related to physical and psychiatric care and addiction treatment) in prisons and hospitals.
- The population in administrative holding centres (adults, minors and families).

Forensic activity: examinations of bodies at the scene of death, post-mortem examinations, examinations of persons in police custody and victims.

Centre of expertise for persons counselling perpetrators of sexual violence.

Member of the medical monitoring commission of the Difficult Patients Unit of the Montfavet Hospital Centre, which decides whether to lift or keep in place orders to hospitalize patients posing particular psychiatric dangers.

Main professional activities

Manage the medical and administrative aspects of the Psychiatry, Medicine and Treatment of Addiction in Prison — Forensic Medicine Centre and coordinate regional provision of health services to detained persons

Practise clinical psychiatry

Serve as a forensic medicine expert and teach

Educational background

Degrees:

Diplôme d'État de docteur en médecine (medical degree), 1986

Certificat d'études spéciales de psychiatrie (certificate of specialization in psychiatry), 1986

Diplôme universitaire (university degree) Freudian psychopathology and practice, 1987

Diplôme universitaire in forensic psychiatry, 1991

Qualification in child and adolescent psychiatry, 2000

Certificate of specialization in the organization and management of hospital centres, 2010

Titles:

Former psychiatric hospital resident, 1982

Hospital psychiatrist, 1988

Research associate, 2014

Main activities relevant to the mandate of the Subcommittee

Field and advisory visits to the States parties to Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture. Six missions to six States parties:

2014: Togo

2015: Benin

2016: Mauritania (head of delegation)

2017: the Niger (head of delegation), Morocco and Burkina Faso

Member of the working group on medical issues and the regional team on Africa

Participation, as a member of the Subcommittee in seminars and symposiums, organized by international and national bodies, on the prevention of torture, the protection of persons deprived of their liberty and the implementation and effectiveness of national preventive mechanisms, in France, Switzerland, Morocco, Tunisia, Senegal, the State of Palestine, Lebanon and Germany.

Other activities relevant to the mandate of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture

Expert consultant to the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment since 1999: 27 periodic or ad hoc visits to 13 States parties to the European Convention for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment.

Founding member and honorary chair of the Association of Prison Psychiatrists, which brings together mental health specialists who practise in prisons.

Participation in ministerial (Ministry of Health and/or the Ministry of Justice) and parliamentary working groups on health care for detained persons, persons with psychiatric disorders and others.

Teaching of courses with a focus on the legal and ethical aspects of practising medicine.

Publications relevant to the mandate of the Subcommittee

Various articles and documents on medical ethics.

María Luisa Romero (Panama)

[Original: Spanish]

Place and date of birth

Panama City, Panama, 23 July 1981

Working languages

Spanish and English

Professional background

Independent human rights consultant (2013–2014); litigation associate, Debevoise & Plimpton LLP, New York, where I advised clients on regulatory issues, anti-corruption matters and human rights (2010–2013); lawyer at the Inter-American Court of Human Rights in Costa Rica (2008–2009), where I contributed to the judgment in *González et al. ("Campo Algodonero") v. Mexico*, a historic case in which the Court dealt with violence against women and femicide; trainee at the Office of the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda in Arusha, United Republic of Tanzania (2006); and attaché at the Embassy of Panama in the United States of America (2004–2005).

Educational background

Juris Doctor (law), cum laude, Harvard Law School, Harvard University (2008); Bachelor's degree in government with a certificate in Latin American studies, magna cum laude, Harvard College, Harvard University (2004)

Current position/function

Former Minister of the Interior of Panama

Main professional activities

Lawyer and specialist in human rights with a career focus on preventing torture and promoting prison reform and social reintegration in Panama and a record of service in academia, civil society and government. Served as Minister of the Interior (January 2017–April 2018) and Deputy Minister of the Interior (July 2014–January 2017) of Panama, positions which involved matters related to juvenile justice, the prison system, governance, refugees and indigenous peoples. Carried out reforms to make the prison system more humane, safer and more transparent; promoted and pushed through to adoption legislation establishing prison service careers, opening the prison system to monitoring by civil society and improving rehabilitation programmes. My work was also key to the establishment by law of the national mechanism for the prevention of torture in 2017.

Other main activities relevant to the mandate of the Subcommittee

I began working in human rights as a student member of and later volunteer for the International Human Rights Clinic of Harvard Law School (2006–2008 and 2010–2012), where my focus was on promoting respect for human rights in Central America and my work involved research missions, publishing related reports and newspaper or magazine articles and speaking before the United Nations and the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights. My experience has made it possible for me to work with a diverse array of people, from academics, diplomats and politicians to human rights activists, police officers, prison guards and victims of torture. Panamanian civil society honoured me for my activism in defence of the rights of persons deprived of liberty (2013).

Most recent publications in the field

Various publications in the newspaper *La Prensa*. (Panama. 2008–2017).

La crisis en Panamá continúa: ¿Hacia un sistema penitenciario que respete los derechos humanos? Stanford Law School. International Human Rights and Conflict Resolution Clinic (2013).

"Del portón para acá se acaban los derechos humanos": Injusticia y desigualdad en las cárceles panameñas. Harvard Law School. International Human Rights Clinic (2008).

Nora Sveaass (Norway)

Date and place of birth

Oslo, 11 December 1949

Working languages

English/Norwegian/Portuguese/Spanish

Current position

Professor at Department of Psychology, University of Oslo. Specialist in clinical psychology, with special focus on victims of torture.

Main professional activities

Follow-up of special issues after eight years in the Committee Against Torture, in particular the right to redress, rehabilitation for victims of torture, the importance of documenting torture, in the form of lectures, participation in expert meetings and writing articles.

Responsible for research project on Transitional Justice in Peru and Argentina with focus on the experiences of survivors seeking remedy. Involved in research project with Human Rights Centre, UC Berkeley School of Law, on Improving Victim Participation and Witness Protection in the International Criminal Court. Teaching and research in position as Professor (clinical work with refugees, victims of trauma, transitional justice, sexual violence against women etc.).

Recently finalised a manual on mental health work for women exposed to sexual violence in armed conflict, published by Health and Human Rights Info.

Various lectures and presentations on torture, sexual violence and mental health outside the university.

Educational background

2001 Dr. psychol., University of Oslo

1975 Psychology degree (Cand. Psychol.), Department of Psychology, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Oslo

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned

- Member of UN Subcommittee for the Prevention of Torture, 2014–2018.
- Chair of studies committee at the Department of Psychology, University of Oslo, 2010–14.
- Chair of Human Rights Committee of the Norwegian Psychological Association, 1998–2018.
- Expert witness in war criminal case conducted in Norway (2008) and in case on redress and rehabilitation in the Inter-American Court of Human Rights (2013).
- Member of expert working groups in Ministry of Health and Directorate of Immigration on documentation of torture, the Istanbul Protocol and identification of vulnerable asylum seekers.
- Invited speaker at conferences and congresses, among others; Beijing, China 2006; Praha, 2009; Vienna, Austria, 2011; Hong Kong, 2012; Seoul, South Korea, 2013; Washington, US 2010, 201; Cape Town, South Africa, 2012.
- Directed workshops on sexual violence against women in Colombia (2013), Cambodia (2014), Jordan (2014).
- Extensive lecturing on human rights and psychology, rehabilitation of torture victims, transitional justice, family reunification in Norway and abroad.

List of most recent publications in the field

Books

Sveaass, N. (2017). The UN Convention Against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment: the absolute prohibition and the obligation to prevent. In M. Başoğlu (Ed.). Torture and Its Definition in International Law: An Interdisciplinary Approach, (pp. 247–271). New York: Oxford University Press

Wessells, M., Sveaass, N., Foster, D., & Dawes, A. (2017). Do no harm? How psychologists have supported torture and what to do about it. In M. Seedat, S. Suffla, & D. Christie (Eds.), Enlarging the scope of peace psychology: African and World-Regional Contributions (pp. 269–294). New York: Springer

Sveaass, N., Agger, I., Sønneland, A.M., Elsass, P. & Hamber, B. (2014). Surviving gross human rights violations: exploring survivors' experience of justice and reparation. In S. Cooper and K. Ratele (eds.). Psychology Serving Humanity. Proceedings of the 30th International Congress of Psychology. Volume II: Western Psychology, p. 66–84. Psychology Press, Taylor & Francis group

Sveaass, N. (2014). Ensuring redress for torture survivors: A national and international challenge for mental health professionals. In G. Øverland, E. Guribye & B. Lie (eds.) Nordic Work with Traumatized Refugees: Do we really care, p. 52–71. Newcastle: Cambridge Scholars Publishing.

Lie, B., Sveaass, N. & Hauff, E. (2014). Refugees and health care in Norway: Historical view and critical perspective. In G. Overland, E. Guribye & B. Lie (eds.) Nordic Work with Traumatized Refugees: Do we really care, p. 30–40. Newcastle: Cambridge Scholars Publishing.

Sveaass, N., Lund, K., Kofoed Olsen, B. & Ekeløve-Slydal, G. (2011). Protecting and promoting human rights in Norway. Review of the Norwegian Centre for Human Rights in its Capacity as Norway's National Human Rights Institution. UD/SMR, 2011.

Articles

Sveaass, N., Gaer, F. & Grossman, C. (2018). Rehabilitation in Article 14 of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment. The International Lawyer, Vol. 51, No. 1, p. 1–25.

Sveaass, N. & Borloz-Madrigal, V. (2017). OPCAT and the prevention of torture in persons with disabilities. International Journal of Law and Psychiatry, 2017, July 6. pii: S0160-2527(17)30132-2. doi: 10.1016/j.ijlp.2017.06.001

Sveaass, N. & Sønneland, A.M. (2015). Dealing with the past: Survivors' perspectives on economic reparations in Argentina. International Perspectives in Psychology, October, p. 223–238, http://dx.doi.org/10.1037/ipp0000041

Sveaass, N. (2013). Gross human rights violations and reparation under international law: approaching rehabilitation as a form of reparation. European Journal of Psychotraumatology. ISSN 2000-8066. 4 (17191) http://dx.doi.org/10.3402/ejpt.v4i0.17191

Iversen, V., Morken, G. & Sveaass, N. (2012). The role of trauma and psychological distress on motivation for foreign language acquisition among refugees. International Journal of Culture and Mental Health. ISSN 1754-2863. doi: 10.1080/17542863.2012.695384.

Juan Pablo Vegas Torres (Peru)

[Original: Spanish]

Place and date of birth

Lima, Peru, 16 August 1965

Working languages

Fluent in Spanish, French and English. Passive knowledge of Portuguese. Basic knowledge of Russian.

Professional background

2010–2016: civil servant, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights. 2007–2009: Director of Human Rights of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Peru. 2001–2006: Human rights adviser, Permanent Mission of Peru, Geneva. Previously served in various capacities at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (in the cabinets of the Minister and the Deputy Minister, the Planning Directorate and the Environment Directorate) and at the Embassy of Peru in the United States of America.

Current position/function

Member of the diplomatic corps of Peru. Deputy consul general of Peru in Geneva. The contractual terms of my position in the foreign service would allow me to devote the time necessary to the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture while also affording me total independence for my work as a Subcommittee member.

Educational background

2008: Specialization course — Protection of Human Rights. National School of Administration, Strasbourg/Paris. 1997: Master of Arts in liberal studies with a concentration in international affairs, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C. 1990: *Licenciatura* (graduate professional qualification) in foreign affairs, Diplomatic Academy of Peru. 1983–1988: Law studies at the Catholic University of Peru.

Main professional activities

I have gained considerable experience with the international (United Nations) and regional (Organization of American States) mechanisms for the protection and promotion of human rights over the course of a career that has spanned 25 years. I have represented Peru before the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, the Human Rights Council, a number of United Nations treaty bodies and other similar bodies. In particular, I have represented Peru on the working group that negotiated the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and was responsible for Human Rights Council resolution 2006/2, whereby the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples was adopted. I have the experience and skills to conduct negotiations in sensitive situations. I have entered into dialogue and negotiations with senior government officials and diplomats from all parts of the world, as well as with representatives of civil society and academia, at the international, regional, national and local levels.

My commitment to human rights led me to work at the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights for seven years (2010–2016). In that capacity, and as a member of the universal periodic review team, I drafted dozens of widely disseminated reports in English, French and Spanish. Most of the reports have sections relevant to the mandate of the Subcommittee. Further motivated by my interest in the work of the Subcommittee, and as a representative of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, I volunteered to lead the Subcommittee's visit to Chile in April 2016. In that capacity, I co-authored the visit report. I have considerable experience promoting tolerance, respect for diversity and gender equality, in line with the values of the United Nations.

In addition to my work in my official capacity, I have taught courses on international law, international human rights law, diplomacy and international relations in universities in Peru, given press conferences and interviews and participated in discussion panels.

Sophia Vidali (Greece)

Date and place of birth

Athens 16 April 1958.

Working languages

Greek (mother language), English, Italian and understanding of texts in Spanish.

Professional background

2015 (March–August) Special Advisor to the Deputy Minister of Interior and Administrative Reconstruction (responsible for Police, Public Order and Citizen Protection)

2013 (January) 2014 August) — Elected Head of the Department of Social Administration and Political Sciences Faculty of Social Political & Economic Sciences, D.U.Th.

1998–2007, Responsible Coordinator of Erasmus/Socrates projects and Staff and Students mobility Former Department of Social Administration

1997 up today Academic Teaching Staff in Criminology and Crime Policy. Department of Social Administration and Political Sciences (ex Department of Social Administration), Democritus University of Thrace: 1997 Lecturer, 2004 Assistant Professor, 2008 Permanent Staff as Assistant Professor, 2009 Associate Professor in Criminology, 2014 Professor.

1995–2002 — Scientific and Research coordinator. Laboratory of Criminological Sciences, faculty of Law, Democritus University of Thrace (D.U.Th.) — (transferred from GNNSS, then as teaching staff of D.U.Th.).

1986–1997 — Employed in the General Secretariat of National Statistical Service (GSNSS): Researcher (1986–1988 — Assistant Rapporteur at the Personnel Council and Office of Judicial Representation of GSNSS (1988–1990, Assistant Supervisor of the General Census on Regional level (Halkidiki Region — 1990–1991), Staff of the Directorate of Social Statistics at the Office for Criminal Justice Statistics (1991–1995),

1984–1986, Trainee lawyer in the private sector

Current position/function

Professor in Criminology and Crime Policy. Department of Social Administration and Political Sciences. Faculty of Social Political and Economic Sciences. Democritus University of Thrace.

Head of The Master Course titled "Criminological and Penal Law Approaches on corruption, economic and organised crime". Faculty of Social Sciences, Greek Open University (2018–2020).

Educational background

Graduated in Law (Laurea), University of Bologna. Italy, 1984.

PhD /Dr. of Law — Criminology, Faculty of Law, Democritus University of Thrace, Greece, 1994.

Main professional activities

Teaching at the university classes on pre-graduate level "Criminology" (co-teaching), "Security and human rights", "Juvenile Law" (co-teaching), "Crime Policy and Globalization", and on post-graduate level (master degree) "Crime Policy", "Human Rights" (co-teaching).

Direction of the Master Degree Program (see above) at the Greek Open University.

Since 1994 teaching staff to the international inter-university network (IP) Common Study Program in Criminal Justice and Critical Criminology. https://commonstudy programme.wordpress.com/about-2/

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture

Member of the National Commission on Human Rights (2015 up today).

Member of the Scientific Committee for the institution of the Historical Archives of the Hellenic Police/ Ministry of Interior and Administrative Reconstruction (2015).

Member of the Central Scientific Council for Prisons (2003–2004, 2013–2014), Member of various Scientific Societies in Criminology and Social policy in Greece and abroad, Founding member and President of the Greek Society for the Study of Crime and Social Control-2015 (www.eemeke.org).

List of most recent publications in the field relevant to the mandate of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture

*in Greek

Author of the Books — Beyond the limits. Crime Policy today, 2017* — Manual on Soft policing of drug addicts. 2015*, e-pub* — Police, crime control and Human Rights 2012*. Author of articles — The Political Economy of the Relationship Between Drug Addicts and Police: Contribution to the analysis of informal factors of a failing relationship, in Crime in Crisis, Honorary Volume for Nestor Kourakis,2016*. — "Crimes of the State: Policies of Counterfeiting of Reality and Inhuman State Violence", in Karydis, V., Houliaras, Ath. (Ed.), Moral Panics, Power and Rights. Contemporary Approaches.2015*. — "Social crime prevention: Greece". In Baillergeau, E, Hebberecht, P. (eds): Social Crime Prevention in Late Modern Europe. VUB Press, 2012.

Scientific Responsible in recent Training, Research and Studies Projects

2017 (March August): "Research on Judicial Police and the effectiveness of Criminal Justice system in Greece". Funded QEC-SRSS/C2017/009).2016 (March–November): Plan of Study program for the training course of prison and external prison guards personnel Y.A. 17434/10-3-2016).

2012–2014 Training and Project: Police Personnel Training in policing drug-addicts. [NSF — Organisation for Drugs (in Greek OKANA) — Project code MIS: 337862].

2013 Research Study: European Prison Observatory: Detention Conditions in the European Union: Funded ECJUST/2011/JPEN/AG/2933, [Project Code: 81193].

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Election, in accordance with articles 7 and 9 of the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, of 13 members of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture to replace those whose terms are due to expire on 31 December 2018

Election of 13 members of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment

Note by the Secretary-General*

Addendum

1. In accordance with articles 7 and 9 of the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, the seventh meeting of the States parties to the Optional Protocol will be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva on 25 October 2018, for the purpose of electing 13 members of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture to replace those whose terms are due to expire on 31 December 2018.

2. In accordance with the procedure set out in article 6 (3) of the Optional Protocol, the Secretary-General, in a note verbale dated 14 May 2018, invited the States parties to submit their nominations for the election of 13 members of the Subcommittee by 14 August 2018. The curricula vitae of the 17 candidates received by that deadline are included in document CAT/OP/SP/16.

3. Annexed to the present note are the curricula vitae, as received by the Secretariat, of candidates whose nominations were received after 14 August 2018. Listed below, in alphabetical order, are the names of those candidates and the States parties that nominated them.

Candidate	*Nominated by*
Mr. Talip **Bakır**	Turkey
Mr. Hamet Saloum **Diakhaté**	Senegal

* The present document was submitted after the deadline in order to reflect the most recent information.

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Annex

Curricula vitae of candidates*

Talip Bakır (Turkey)

Date and place of birth

03.03.1973 Yozgat/Turkey

Working languages

Turkish (Native), English

Current position/function

Member (senior judge) of the Court of Cassation

Main professional activities

As a judge in the highest court, I review and decide whether decisions rendered by the first instance or appeal courts are lawful in criminal matters. If not, I have a power to overturn the relevant decisions.

On the field of prevention of violation of torture/ill-treatment and legislative process, I have given lectures to the judges and prosecutors at the Justice Academy.

Educational background

1992–1996 Faculty of Law, University of Istanbul Turkey — BA

2008–2009 Faculty of Law University of Selcuk, Konya Turkey — MA (Public Law)

2012–2013 English Language Student at Fairleigh Dickinson University

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned

During my term of office as a public prosecutor between 1999 and 2007, I have supervised the prisons and police custody facilities to prevent torture and ill-treatment. In addition, one of my main duties was to investigate and to prosecute allegations of torture and ill-treatment.

Between 2007 and 2017, I have worked in the Directorate General of Legislation in the MoJ as a reporter judge, head of department and deputy DG, respectively, then deputy undersecretary. I have taken part in law making process in the field of criminal law in the legislative department. I have worked especially in expanding fundamental rights and freedoms and preventing torture, and aimed at ensuring that the prisoners' rights are used in the widest possible way. With my colleagues, I have prepared the draft law that lifted statutory limitation for the crime of torture. This draft was adopted and enacted by the Parliament and became a law. I also took part in responding to the parliamentary questions submitted by deputies about violations of rights in prisons to the Minister of Justice, and during this process I had the opportunity to make extensive research in this field.

* Curricula vitae are issued without formal editing.

Hamet Saloum Diakhaté (Senegal)

[Original: French]

Date and place of birth

12 March 1958, in Dakar, Senegal

Working languages

French

Professional background

Psychiatrist and psychotherapist

Educational background

Trained in the monitoring of detention centres and psychiatric care facilities

Trained in the provision of psychological care, counselling and support to victims of torture and inhuman or degrading treatment

Trained in the conduct of group-based psychometric, behavioural and cognitive relaxation therapies, including psychiatric and psychological assessment and evaluation

Current position/function

Head of department at the Thiaroye National Psychiatric Hospital from 2000 to March 2018; currently working on a temporary contract at this hospital

Consultant at the rehabilitation unit for victims of torture at the African Centre for the Prevention and Resolution of Conflicts (CAPREC)

Observer at the National Observatory of Places of Deprivation of Liberty

Main professional activities

Rehabilitation of torture victims spanning 23 different nationalities since 2005, ref. UNVFVT-P374-DA: Providing psychotherapeutic support, including psychological assistance and relaxation therapy (300 new cases, the majority of which involved women who were raped during armed conflicts and political unrest in Africa)

Observer at the National Observatory of Places of Deprivation of Liberty since 2013: Actively participating in all visits to the 37 detention and correctional facilities in Senegal and all gendarmerie and police stations throughout the country's 14 regions

Mental health care: Providing hospital care to persons living with mental disorders

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture

Visiting prisons to examine detainees with mental illnesses and producing psychological assessments for the attention of the judicial authorities

Devising a strategy to increase access to traditional psychiatric facilities

Conducting training seminars for law enforcement officials on eliminating torture and other inhuman or degrading treatment and punishment at all stages of criminal proceedings

Maintaining close contact with the chief physicians and nurses employed in the detention and correctional facilities of Senegal to ensure that coordinated care is provided quickly to all detainees with mental health problems

List of most recent publications in the field relevant to the mandate of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture

Report on the proposed renovation of a mental health facility 400 kilometres from Dakar

Report on the detention and correctional facility for detainees with health problems at Aristide le Dantec Hospital